

Woods Urged For Mayor on Fusion Ticket

**Ex-Police Head Will Draw
Republican and Demo-
cratic Votes Throughout
City, Leaders Predict**

**Boom for Cropsey
Starts in Brooklyn**

La Guardia and Curran Big Factors in Decision on Candidates in Race

The friends of Colonel Arthur Woods, Police Commissioner in the Mitchel administration, are planning to bring about his nomination for Mayor next fall.

mayor not fail. Weekly conferences are being held in his interest at the City Club and elsewhere. The last one took place on Thursday. At a conference on December 16 those present were Colonel Woods, Joseph M. Price, Raymond B. Fossick, Ephraim Kaufman and Raymond V. Ingersoll. Robert Adamson, ex-Fire Commissioner, and George Bell, ex-License Commissioner, were expected at the conference, but were detained.

The Brooklyn friends of Justice James C. Crosey, of the Supreme Court, are quietly canvassing the field for the purpose of booming him for Mayor at the right time. It is understood that Jacob A. Livingston, the Brooklyn organization leader, is favorable to the nomination of Justice Crosey.

State Tax Commissioner, a prominent member of the National Republican Club and active in organization affairs, also are taking the preliminary steps to encompass his nomination for Mayor. Mr. Saxé at a recent meeting of the New York Republican County Committee introduced a resolution looking to possible cooperation with the anti-Tammany organizations.

La Guardia Warns Leaders

The mayoralty situation is likely to be complicated by the presence in office of F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, who has told his friends that if the Republican organization leaders attempt to bring about the nomination in a naturally anti-Tammany year of candidates whose character and ability signify a continuation of the old order of things.

he will himself be a candidate for Mayor on an anti-organization ticket. He already is on record against any step on the part of the city looking to an increase of the regular cent tax on property. He also says that he runs independently he will make that the leading issue of his platform.

Henry H. Curran, President of the Borough of Manhattan, is understood to be a receptive candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket. It is understood that Samuel S. Koenig, president of the New York County Committee, will insist upon Mr. Curran on the city ticket.

The friends of La Guardia and Curran say that it is impossible to eliminate them without wrecking the anti-Tammany campaign, as they demonstrated their vote-getting powers in a year when Tammany had every right to expect a victory.

There is a widespread undercurrent in Republican circles in favor of a straight Republican ticket is another phase of the situation. In the late election the Republican candidates, with the exception of Judge Miller, carried the city, generally by very large margins.

The rank and file of the Republican organization are strong for a straight ticket, and the city government, no matter what the result, will have to face

Elders Urge Fusion Ticket

The "elder statesmen" in the Republican party were very cautious about endorsing the straight ticket proposition, making their remarks with fair warning of the strong arguments independent Democrats naturally hostile to Tammany Hall can be brought into a fusion against Fourteenth Street.

This conservative sentiment is one of the things that the supporters of Colonel Woods are banking on. They point to the tremendous sweep made by Governor Smith on the one hand and by Senator Harding on the other, the victory of New York as proof positive that the people, especially now that the

women have mastered the art of splitting tickets, are ready to vote for issues and candidates rather than be bound by organization lines. They argue that the breakdown of the Hyland police administration will make prevention of crime the dominant issue of the campaign, and they assert that Colonel Woods is the only big card that the Republicans have. They assert that his record as Police Commissioner will enable him to lead the ticket as a vote getter.

The Woods men are not limited to Colonel Woods alone. They say that Darwin R. James, former Civil Service Commissioner and a leading business man, is as eligible as Woods and that

man, is as English as Woods, and that if for any reason Colonel Woods is not deemed available for head of the ticket Mr. James fills the bill nicely. In answer to the suggestion that the voters may not welcome a recall of Mitchell administrative factors they say that the Mitchell administration

The Woods men are planning to organize in all of the aldermanic districts of the city, and they hope to begin their intensive work shortly.

Hylan's Defeat Predicted
The supporters of Justice Cropsey are as yet not openly working for him, but they assert that when the Brooklyn Republican organization gets ready to

nothing will stop it. The Cropsey shouters say that Hylan if renominated will be snowed under at the polls, and that the nominee for Mayor should come from Brooklyn because Brooklyn shows a Republican enroll-

ment exceeding the Democratic enrollment by 80,000. Justice Cropsey four years ago was not popular with the organization men, but, after three years of Hylan and Enright old grievances mostly have been forgotten, and the rank and file of the organization under

the leadership of Commissioner Livingston, will support any anti-Tam